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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING HEAT EXCHANGING

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 8, 2005

Sir:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. With regard to the reasons for allowance, it is respectfully requested pointed out that the grouping of the reasons for allowance for both the method claims and the apparatus claims in the Examiner's Notice of Allowability dated March 23, 2005 is inappropriate. The reasons for allowance of the method claims relates to the combination of method steps set forth in claims 1-4 wherein the heat exchanger is formed by boring a through hole in the oval projected section of the metal plate that has been drawn a plurality of times so as to form an oval projected section.

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With regard to apparatus claims 5-8, the claims are directed to a combination of elements wherein a die set includes a pierce punch that is provided to one of the bases and a plurality of oval drawing punches.

It is respectfully submitted that the method claims and the apparatus claims are patentable over the prior art in view of the combination of method steps and the combination of elements as set forth in either the method claims or the apparatus claims.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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